

We are the Commonwealth's advocate for promoting transportation options to the general public, businesses, and community decision makers.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is a state agency that reports to the Secretary of Transportation. DRPT's mission is to facilitate and improve the mobility of Virginia citizens and to promote the efficient transport of goods and people in a safe, reliable, and cost-effective manner. Our primary areas of activity are rail, public transportation, and commuter services. DRPT works with local, regional, state, and federal governments, as well as private entities, to provide support for projects and programs by:

Assessing feasibility and environmental impacts of new and expanding services

Conducting statewide rail and public transportation studies Planning and programming new services and capital improvement projects

Providing leadership, advocacy, technical assistance, and funding

<u>Smart Scale</u> is a prioritization process focused on investing limited tax dollars into the right projects that meet the most critical transportation needs in Virginia. Virginia's Smart Scale selects the right transportation projects for funding and ensures the



best use of limited tax dollars. It is the method of scoring planned projects included in VTrans. Transportation projects are scored based on an objective, outcome-based process that is transparent to the public and allows decision-makers to be held accountable to taxpayers. Once projects are scored and prioritized, the Commonwealth Transportation Board is given the

best information possible in order to approve the right projects for funding.

## **Round 1 Public Transportation Projects**

Lynchburg Central Business District Circulator
GLTC operates the free Downtown Circulator that
runs evenings Monday-Wednesday 6PM - 9PM and
Thursday-Saturday 6PM - 11PM. Service began on
August 23, 2017.

FY17- Smart Scale funded 8 public transportation projects statewide totaling \$31m

FY18- Smart Scale funded
17 public transportation
projects statewide
totaling \$168m



## **Danville Transit System**

This project allowed the local transit system to purchase two transit buses and construct a bus shelter to service Averett University. Service began on August 23, 2017.

If you have any questions or comments about any of these projects, please contact our office: Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation

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